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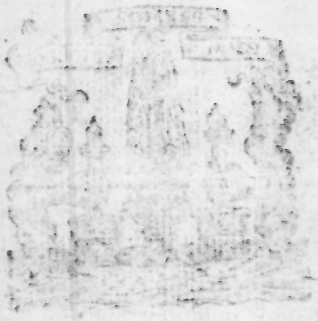

The ADDRESS *of the Englisſh Gentry that ſerved the Crown in the late Wars to the Honourable* COMMITTEE *choſen by the Parliament to conſider their* CONDITION.

WE do muſt humbly acknowledg his Majeſties ſingular goodneſs, in taking notice to this Parliament of our paſt endeavours to ſerve him.

We do return our moſt humble thanks to the Honourable Houſe of Commons, for their quick and ſpeedy care of us in ſelecting (upon the firſt intimation of his Majeſty) a Committee of ſo many Worthy perſons to conſider our preſent Condition.

To you (worthy Gentlemen of that honorable Committee, whoſe conſtant and chearful endeavours, ſince, on our behalf,

we do with all gratitude acknowledg) we humbly preſent this Paper.

It is not unknown, That we took up Arms to defend our Prince and Country, and that we brought our Fortunes and Treaſure, as well as our Perſons into the War. Many of our Honourable Companions are fallen in the Diſpute, and are now at Reſt: We that ſurvive, have the happineſs, after a long ſucceſsion of various Ills, to ſee our ſelves ſafe again under the Wing and Protection of our Native King.

In this great *Jubile*, we hope, we may without interrupting or leſſening the Publick Joy, offer our juſt deſires; for though this happy day conſumes our grief, it deſtroys not our Right, nor our due Claims: Juſtice is beſt diſpenced in Heaven, where no Sorrow is; and next on Earth, where deepeſt Peace is; with no leſs ſatisfaction of mind to the upright Judge, then to the diſtreſſed Suitor.

When it pleaſed God by our ſtability and perſeverance to reſtore the King, not by the Covenant, which becauſe it killed, ſome would vainly make us believe that like the Scorpion there is a balſome in it that cures the wound it gives: It was then thought fit, both for the re-eſtabliſhment of the Royal Throne, and the Kingdomes peace, to bury by an Act of Oblivion all by-paſt injuries; to this we were no leſs inclined then thoſe whoſe lives and new gained poſſeſsions could not otherwiſe be ſecured: This preſent Calme proceeds principally from the remiſsion of injuries done to us, and we moſt willingly waved thoſe remedies of our repair which the Law gives to injured men.

To that wiſdom and Juſtice that Steer'd thoſe Councils then, we now appeal, not doubting, ſince our Addreſſes to Courts of Juſtice are intercepted, but that the ſame Juſtice and prudence will

find ſome other waies to right us.

It cannot ſure be deemed equal or reaſonable that the ranſome of the Kingdome ſhould be paid by us alone that only contended to blood to preſerve it, and in that endevour, have conſumed our treaſure and our youth.

If to continue the quiet and repoſe of the Nation, we could imagine that the continuance of our Sufferings would contribute but a Scruple, we would content our ſelves with that ſtate that a War and a long Tyranny hath left us in: But ſince we ſee all men returned to a better condition then our ſelves, and even thoſe that lately were our Enemies ſit now ſafely under our Vines, ſurely we may expect, not an Almes, but ſuch a meaſured Reparation of our harmes as may ſuite with our Quality, and not to be left in a worſe ſtate then all men elſe; If otherwiſe it ſhould fall out, (which God forbid, and which we do not fear,) the Juſtice of the Nation

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will grow Cheap and neglected as well as we, and men hereafter in diſtreſs, (though nothing can or ſhall ſhake our faith) may want friends either to help or pity them.

To give countenance to our tryed and approved Faith will ſecure it in thoſe where it is either doubtful or but budding, and where Naturally it will not grow, it will force it.

To the early Labourer it appeared hard, That he that came late into the Vineyard ſhould receive wages equal to his; but we never read that any repined at the Wages of him that wrought all day. We deſire but the kindneſs ſhewen to the lateſt Proſelytes.

That ſo much will not be denied us, is our hope and our aſſurance, though we have been delayed and paſt by ſo long; for we read that even in Heaven there was once a great ſilence, yet it laſted but half an hour.

We will not press our desires further, lest we seem to rely more upon our Importunity then our Just Reasons, and by over solicitation, lessen the Honour of the English Gentry, and that Magnanimity that disdained to see a Crown and Kingdome Usurped and trampled on.

FINIS.